



Workforce Development In Uncertain Times

In response to these challenging times with COVID-19 disrupting education and training activities at all levels, 58 Inc. is diligently working to identify opportunities for individuals who want to take advantage of programs offered through distance learning to gain new skills and/or seek a different career path. We know that many people are currently out of work due to layoffs, furloughs and closures with an uncertain future. However, there are still systems in place to learn, train and connect to jobs. In an effort to keep our partners informed and citizens encouraged, 58 Inc. is compiling information on training and employment initiatives across the Birmingham region and will distribute weekly in an email format for the foreseeable future. Please feel free to share with your clients and network so that we may reach everyone that wishes to upgrade skills or explore a new path.

-58 INC Team



If you or someone you know is now unemployed and seeking a new opportunity, now is the time to connect with your local Career Center. Alabama's Career Centers exist to serve both job seekers and employers. Career Centers serve as "one-stop shops" for a variety of services including:

- Registration and Job Searching Through Statewide Portal
- Resume Writing and Interview Guidance
- Job Referrals and Placement Assistance
- Training Referral and Financial Aid
- Adult Education Services (High School Diploma or GED)
- Veterans' Services
- Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Shelby County is served by the Alabaster Career Center. While their office is closed to the public, they are at work taking your calls and emails and can be reached at [205-663-2542](tel:205-663-2542) or alabaster@alcc.alabama.gov. Career Centers are not responsible for filing unemployment. Information on how to file for unemployment can be found below.

How To File For Unemployment

[Click Here](#) for a one-page document explaining how to file for unemployment with The Alabama Department of Labor.

Weekly Data Report



Birmingham Region Unemployment Claims Report

We're working in partnership with The Birmingham Business Alliance to provide you with relevant labor market data throughout this crisis. Please find weekly unemployment claim counts for the Birmingham region and each county attached and below. As expected, we did see a sharp uptick (up nearly 17,000) in initial unemployment claims last week (week ending 3/28). We'll provide this information weekly. Source: BBA & Alabama Labor Market Information.

County	UI Initial Claims - Week of 3/28	UI Continued Weeks Claimed
Bibb	488	60
Blount	481	116
Chilton	669	69
Jefferson	13,603	2,523
Shelby	2,439	434
St. Clair	1,295	220
Walker	1,099	226
Birmingham Regional Total	20,074	3,648

Opportunities Still Available

While many companies have had to freeze hiring or lay employees off, some businesses are still hiring. Click on the company logos below to visit job postings in the Birmingham region.



Jefferson State Community College Learning & Training Opportunities

While Jefferson State Community College is accommodating current students through distance learning, there are also opportunities for individuals that have been laid off as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic to upgrade skills. If you, your employees or someone you know wish to take advantage of acquiring high school diploma or GED, obtain the National Career Readiness Certificate through ACT, or upgrade financial literacy, reading, math or ESL skills, Jefferson State Community College is available to offer such courses remotely **AT NO COST!** Here a few links you may wish to explore.

- <https://www.jeffersonstate.edu/rtw/>
- <https://workkeyscurriculum.act.org/>
- <https://www.digitalliteracyassessment.org/>
- <https://www.fdic.gov/consumers/consumer/moneysmart/index.html>
- <https://ketfastforward.org/>
- <https://www.khanacademy.org/>
- <https://hippocampus.org/>
- <https://www.burlingtonenglish.com/>

Not sure what to do or where to begin? Reach out to Jeff State and they can help you enroll in these FREE classes and guide you along the way. For more information, email admerritt@jeffersonstate.edu or tbouyer@jeffersonstate.edu.



Central Alabama Community College Learning & Training Opportunities

Central Alabama Community College is providing distance learning instruction using a variety of online learning platforms. With new online enrollment and orientation, students can work on obtaining their GED, gain essential employ-ability skills, explore English Second Language classes and more.

For additional information, visit <https://www.cacc.edu/workforce-education/>
Email pkelley@cacc.edu or enroll online at <https://akfjh9mh.paperform.co/>.

For information in Spanish click [here](#).



Unemployed? Now Is The Time To Explore Your Next Career!

Unfortunately, many in our community are now unemployed due to the COVID 19 Crisis and subsequent economic challenges. While this situation could be seen as a professional set-back, it can also be viewed as an opportunity to discover a new career! We encourage all those who are laid off to use the time you have wisely and explore careers that could offer higher pay and growth opportunities. Our team has compiled several websites below to

help.

- [Career OneStop Video Series](#)
- [Candid Career](#)
- [My Next Move](#)
- [BLS Occupational Outlook](#)
- [Jefferson State Career Assessment](#)

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